

IN THE CLAIMS

1.-5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) A method for treating hypertension comprising:

administering ~~a composition comprising:~~

(A) an isolated compound selected from the group consisting of caffeic acid or an ester or salt thereof, chlorogenic acid or an ester or salt thereof, and ferulic acid or an ester or salt thereof; and

(B) one or more central nervous system stimulating components selected from the group consisting of

~~central nervous system stimulating component(s), food fiber(s), extract(s) of perennial evergreen leaves of the genus *Camillia*, *Theaceae*, or *Ecuommia ulmoides* Oliver, *Eucommiae*, organic acid(s) having a molecular weight of 60 to 300 and pharmaceutically acceptable salt(s) thereof, and sugar alcohol(s), wherein said central nervous system stimulating component(s) is at least one~~

an isolated heat component of *Zingiberaceae*, an isolated heat component of *Capsicum* [[or]] and an isolated heat component of *Piperaceae*.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 6, wherein (A) is isolated chlorogenic acid or an ester or salt thereof.

8. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 6, wherein (A) is ferulic acid or an ester or salt thereof.

9. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 6, wherein (A) is caffeic acid or an ester or salt thereof.

10-19. (Cancelled)

20. (Previously Presented) A method for treating hypertension comprising:

administering a composition comprising:

(A) isolated chlorogenic acid or an ester of salt thereof; and

(B) ~~at least one component selected from the group consisting of a central nervous system stimulating component, wherein said central nervous system stimulating component(s) is at least one isolated heat component of *Zingiberaceae*, *Capsicum* or *Piperaceae*.~~

21. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 6, wherein component (B) is at least one isolated heat component of ginger.

22. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 6, wherein component (B) comprises isolated cinerol.

23. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 6, wherein component (B) comprises isolated zingerone.

24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, wherein component (B) comprises isolated zingerol.

25. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 6, wherein component (B) comprises isolated shogaol.

26. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 6, wherein component (B) is at least one isolated heat component of red pepper.

27. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, wherein component (b) comprises isolated capsaicin.

28. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 6, wherein component (b) comprises an isolated heat component of pepper.

29. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 6, wherein component (b) comprises isolated piperine.